

**Samuel Athawes to George Washington, April 8, 1774,  
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**FROM SAMUEL ATHAWES, ESQ.**

LONDON 8th April 1774

DEAR SIR

Our Mutual Friend the Honble Geo. Willm. Fairfax Esqr. having communicated to me that since his Return to England<sup>1</sup> a Person has offered to purchase the Blomary which he has in conjunction with Mr. Carlisle Dalton &c. tho not the whole of the land belonging to it & he being desirous of not only parting with it but of putting an End to that Matter entirely has executed a Power of Attorney to this purpose & which Power of Attorney accompanys this to you—The Reason of my troubling you on this Occasion is my having long had an Inclination to a small Tract on Shenandoe & finding by my Frd. possibly a Gentleman in the Neighbourhood of the Blomary may sell a little Matter which he has there I should wish to know if that is the Case what are is Terms & whether you think them eligible if you should our Mutual Friend seems to think that the land which belongs to the Blomary & which the purchaser of it does not mean to take & which as you will find by the Power our Friend wishes to have divided into four parts of equal Value in order to put an End to the partnership Acct. & as this Tract lays contiguous to that which may possibly be sold —He has intimated to me his entire inclination & wish that his Fourth part or proportion might adjoin to that which I am disposed to purchase as our Friend if I was to become a purchaser would let me have that which would make the purchase compact & more

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compleat—our Friend has wrote to you & pointed out the Estate above hinted, & if you would make the Enquiry you would oblige me very particularly tho I could wish the Enquiry not to be made in my Name I know not how or in what Manner I shall be able to return the Civility but if I should have it in my Power I trust you would not find me Ungrateful.

I am with Esteem Dear Sir Your obligd. & Obt. Servt. SAML. ATHAWES.

(Copy.)

1 George William Fairfax went to England in 1773 and never returned to America.